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Madeira Elementary School Creates Culture of Kindness

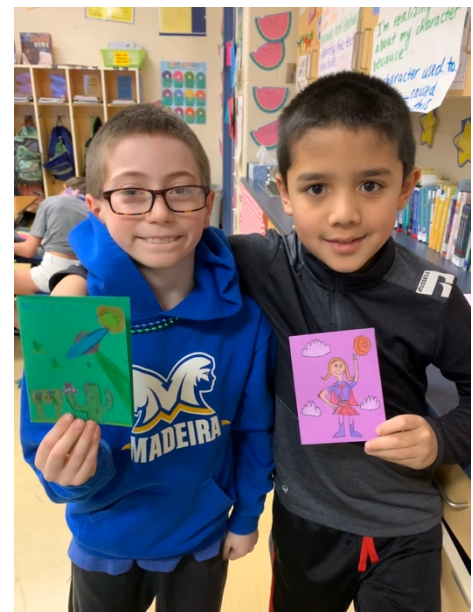
The world could use a little more kindness and Madeira Elementary School (MES) is ready to help.

The school's Kindergarten through fourth grade students recently participated in The Great Kindness Challenge sponsored by the Kids for Peace Organization. MES students devoted the last week of February to performing as many acts of kindness as possible, creating their own 'culture of kindness.' Classroom lessons included the importance of being kind, and every day students heard daily kindness quotes spoken by the school's Fourth Grade Student Leaders on the morning and afternoon announcements. During lunch students sat at different tables to "mix it up."

The week featured different dress up days with input for themes from the Fourth Grade Student leaders. The days included Team Kindness (favorite team jersey), Aloha Kindness (tropical flair), Wild for Kindness (camo or animal print), Mix it Up with Kindness (mix, mash and clash prints), and Color Your World with Kindness (grade level colors). At the end of the week the class winner of the kindness poster contest received a class pizza party. Grade level photos were also taken with students forming a heart.

Nearly 15 million students in 27,000 schools around the world participated in the Great Kindness Challenge to create a culture of kindness. The over 250 million acts of benevolence they performed demonstrated a commitment to fostering positive, caring and respectful school environments.

Elected each year by their peers, the Fourth Grade Student Leaders serve as positive role models for the building's younger students. The group is coordinated by Brigid Williamson and Katie Naegeli This is the fifth year MES has been named a Kindness Certified School.



*Pictured (l to r): Fourth graders
Jeff Hecht and Owen Villegas
with cards they made for
Kindness Week*